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12 August 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Harold Brown, 11 August 1965

1. I talked to Dr. Brown on the telephone and advised him that the Director was prepared to sign the agreement which I had discussed with Mr. Vance substantially in its present form. I told him that we would have a letter and a new version of the agreement with minor amendments ready for Mr. Vance when he returns on Monday.

2. I told Dr. Brown that the Director continues to be troubled about the provision relating to spacecraft and reentry vehicles and feels that it would simplify the arrangements if responsibility for development of the entire payload could be consolidated under single direction. Dr. Brown said that he recognized that the interface between the sensor and the container, etc., could create some problems. On the other hand, they feel very strongly that the interface between the booster and the container is equally difficult and more important. He stated very strongly his opinion that this point is not negotiable. We left it that the Director might want me to discuss this particular point further with Mr. Vance on his return or the Director might want to take this point up personally. In any event, I told Dr. Brown that he could tell Mr. Vance that this appeared to be the only problem in dispute. Dr. Brown said that Mr. Vance would be back probably Saturday night.

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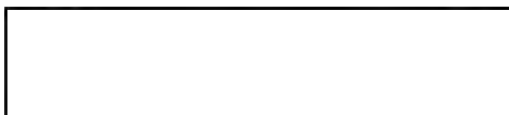
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3. Finally, Dr. Brown asked me to expedite the Director's comments [redacted] which they would like to have in writing as soon as possible.

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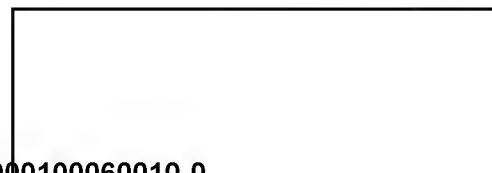
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